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As required by the Council Tax Demand Notices Regulations.

Annual budget

Description	2023/24 £000	2024/25 £000
Expenditure	488,822	517,929
Contributions and contingencies	15,531	4,643
Levies	457	457
Added to balances	6,471	1,658
Gross expenditure - Council services	511,281	524,687
Income	(421,088)	(448,188)
Contributions and contingencies	(7,320)	-
Taken from balances	(13,371)	(1,744)
Gross income - Council services	(441,779)	(449,932)
Council Tax requirement	69,502	74,755
Number of properties (Band D equivalent)	37,830	38,756
Blackpool Council tax element	£1,595.95	£1,650.88
Adult Social Care functions tax element (see note)	£241.28	£277.99
Total Blackpool Council tax element	£1,837.23	£1,928.87

Police and Crime Commissioner tax element	£251.45	£263.40
Lancashire Combined Fire Authority tax element	£82.27	£84.73
Total Council Tax for Band D	£2,170.95	£2,277.00

The council's annual budget sets out planned spending on services each year taking account of costs and income. Blackpool Council's budgeted gross expenditure, after taking account of grant funding, business rates income, and other income receivable, results in the level of Council Tax set for 2024/25 shown in the 'Annual Budget' table above.

Where your money goes

Service	Expenditure %	Expenditure £m
Children's services	30.6%	158.7
Adult services	21.7%	112.3
Housing	13.0%	67.4
Community and environmental services	12.4%	63.9
Treasury management	5.7%	29.7
Resources	5.7%	29.5
Other (*)	5.0%	26.0
Public health	4.4%	22.6
Communications and regeneration	1.5%	7.9
Expenditure totals	100.0%	518.0

* Includes the chief executive's directorate, concessionary fares, governance and partnership services, parking services and subsidiary companies

How the costs have changed

Description	2024/25 £m
Blackpool Council General Fund estimate - net expenditure 2023/24	176.2
Pay-related pressures	3.2
Cost of inflation	0.6
Service developments and demand pressures	26.3
Increases in funding/income	(13.8)
Budget savings	(16.3)
	176.2
Technical changes - special grants transfer into formula, contributions from reserves and contingencies	18.6
Blackpool Council General Fund estimate - net expenditure 2024/25	194.8

Council Tax bands

Property valuation	Property valuation band	Annual Council Tax £
£40,000 or below	A	1,518.00
£40,001 to £52,000	B	1,771.00
£52,001 to £68,000	C	2,024.00
£68,001 to £88,000	D	2,277.00
£88,001 to £120,000	E	2,783.00
£120,001 to £160,000	F	3,289.00
£160,001 to £320,000	G	3,795.00
Over £320,000	H	4,554.00

Precepting authorities

Further information about Blackpool's precepting authorities, including their Gross Expenditure and Council Tax Requirement, can be found on their websites:

- [Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire](#)
- [Lancashire Combined Fire Authority](#)

Notes

The increase in the Blackpool Council tax element for 2024/25 (£54.93 at Band D) is based on 2.99% of the 2023/24 Total Blackpool Council tax element (£1,837.23 at Band D). The increase in the Adult Social Care functions tax element for 2024/25 (£36.71 at Band D) is based on 2% of the 2023/24 Total Blackpool Council tax element (£1,837.23 at Band D). The Total Blackpool Council tax element comprises the Blackpool Council tax element plus the Adult Social Care functions tax element. The overall increase in the Total Blackpool Council tax element for 2024/25 (£91.64 at Band D) represents 4.99% of the 2023/24 Total Blackpool Council tax element.

An adult social care authority is able to charge an additional "precept" on its Council Tax for financial years from the financial year beginning in 2016/2017 without holding a referendum, to assist the authority in meeting expenditure on adult social care. Subject to the annual approval of the House of Commons, the Secretary of State may choose to renew the option of charging this "precept" at an appropriate level in respect of a particular financial year. In relation to the financial year 2024/25 a referendum threshold of 5% (comprising 2% for expenditure on adult social care and 3% for other expenditure) applies to Blackpool. Blackpool may therefore increase it's relevant basic amount of council tax up to this percentage in 2024/25 without holding a referendum.

[footnote]. “Adult social care authorities” are local authorities which have functions under Part 1 of the Care Act 2014 (“adult social care functions”), namely county councils in England, districts councils for an area in England for which there is no county council, London borough councils, the Common Council of the City of London and the Council of the Isles of Scilly.

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